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Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Receives NEH Grant *Grant Will Allow for The Continuation of Free Virtual Programming*

STAUNTON, VA – the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library announced today that it is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) CARES Act Grant. The NEH approved 317 grants totaling \$40.3 million in new CARES Act economic stabilization funding to support essential operations at cultural institutions across the country. The grants will allow these cultural organizations to retain staff to preserve and curate humanities collections, advance humanities research, and maintain buildings and core operations.

“Over the past few months we have witnessed tremendous financial distress at cultural organizations across the country, which have been compelled to furlough staff, cancel programs, and reduce operations to make up for revenue shortfalls caused by the pandemic,” said NEH Chairman Jon Parrish Peede. “NEH is pleased to provide \$40 million to preserve thousands of jobs at museums, archives, historic sites, and colleges and universities that are vital to our nation’s cultural life and economy.”

For the highly competitive NEH CARES grant category, the NEH received more than 2,300 eligible applications from cultural organizations requesting more than \$370 million in funding for projects that will take place between June and December 2020. Approximately 14 percent of the applicants were funded. The full NEH Press Release can be found at <https://www.neh.gov/news/neh-announces-40-million-cares-act-grants>.

At the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, the grant will be used for the creation of interactive public programs, K–12 teacher workshops, downloadable curriculum materials, and planning for a safe reopening. “We are thrilled to receive a NEH CARES ACT grant as it will allow us to continue to provide educational resources to the public,” said Robin von Seldeneck, President and CEO. “Our team is committed to creating learning opportunities that emphasize history’s significance in today’s world.”

In addition to welcoming museum visitors from around the country and the world, the Presidential Library sponsors educational programming for thousands of schoolchildren each year and hosts teachers’ institutes, and a variety of other educational programs. *The Museum is located at 20 N. Coalter Street and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Saturday, and 12 – 4 p.m. on Sundays. For additional information, call 540-885-0897 x 113 or visit www.woodrowwilson.org.*

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